

KC DX NEWS

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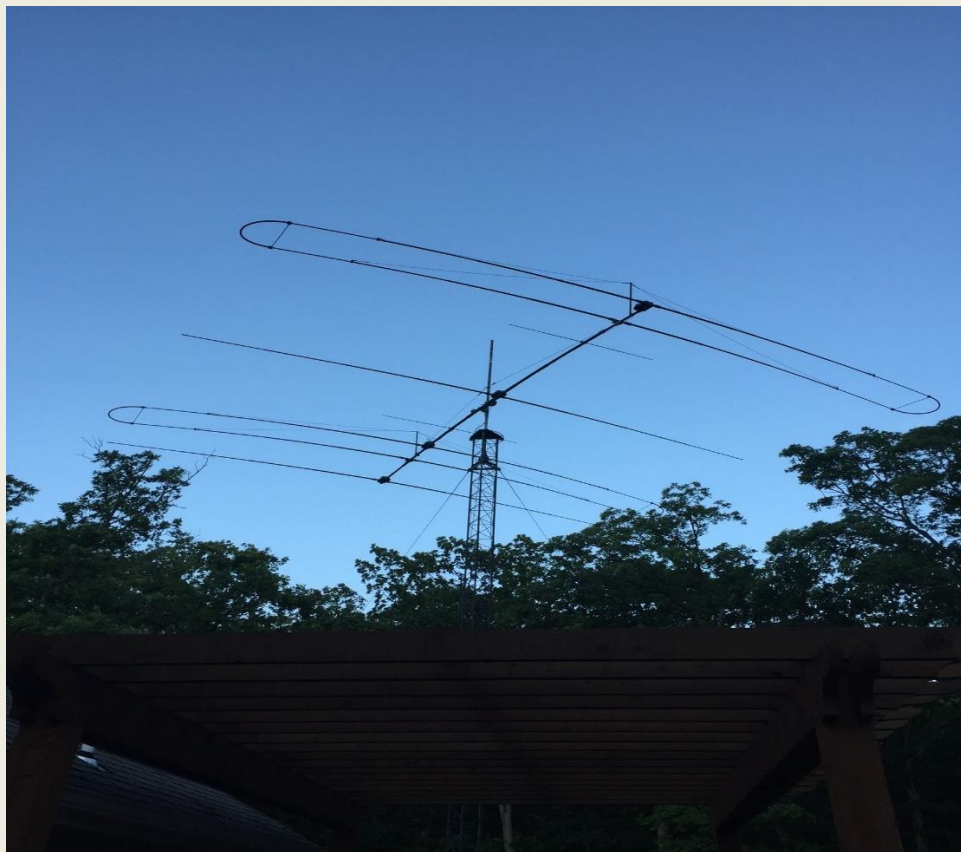


NEXT KCDXC MEETING: July 26 -The July KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on the 26th, at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Like last time K0VXU will send out an invitational link to members. The famous Pie Eating Contest will be at the Zoom meeting hosted by K0XM.
BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER DE K4SX: Antenna & Tower:

K4SX:

SteppIR - DB-32,
40-6 Meters, 2
elements 40-30
Meters, 4 elements
20-10 Meters, 4
elements on 6
Meters. Rohn 45G
Tower with
Phillystran guys
and Andrews 7/8
inch hardline.

See page 3 for
more on K4SX's
station.



KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	30	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	66	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		188	36	2732
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	239	332	204	151	111		1786
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	249	217	193	205		19	10	936
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
N0EG	193	159	141	90		1	3	539
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

K4SX SHACK PICTURES:



In The Shack

By: Ron Lowrance, K4SX

I was introduced to Amateur Radio through my father, K0LDL (sk), and listening to my grandmother's GE model H-116 radio which I own today. Listening to the Amateur bands in the late 50's and early 60s was unbelievable and to this day amazing. The Ham bands were alive with signals on HF and VHF from everywhere! This experience resulted in me taking my Novice examination in October of 1962 at the age of 13. I was licensed effective January 7, 1963, as WN0ETV while living at Waynesville, Missouri. The person who administered the Novice examination was Bill Bailey W0FNK (sk).

My interest in Collins equipment began in the early 60's while reading my ARRL Handbook, 1957 issue, and looking in the back of the Handbook where all of the equipment manufacturers advertised. I spent many hours reading, attempting to learn about Ham Radio, and dreaming about one day owning Collins equipment. I still have that 1957 Handbook with all of the notes that I wrote inside.

After joining the Ham Radio community my desire to own Collins equipment was energized by Bill K0DEW (sk). This resulted in me acquiring my first Collins transceiver, a KWM2 in late 1971. From that point forward I have owned Collins equipment that has included S-Lines, 30S-1, 30L-1, a KWS-1, 75A-4, 32V3, and multiple KWM2-A transceivers. My current Collins equipment can be found on my QRZ page.

My current KWS-1, S/N 622, was acquired from Mike WB0O who purchased it from Bill K0DEW (sk). Mike began the initial steps of restoration by replacing a couple of door knob capacitors and installing the HV Passterneck modification. When I purchased the KWS-1 from Mike it was in operational condition and in very good to excellent cosmetic condition.

My objective after purchasing the KWS-1 was to take the transmitter to a point where it would be better than when it was new. That objective was achieved after extensive work. Below is a high-level view of what the approach was and what was actually done to restore the KWS-1.

- a. A methodical detailed inspection and replaced/repared all observed issues
- b. Removed all unauthorized changes and returned it to the original design
- c. Installed all of the Collins Service Bulletins and Information Letter improvements
- d. Installed all of the recommended CCA improvements as outlined in the "Care and Feeding of the KWS-1"
- e. Tested all tubes and replaced as required
- f. Performed a meticulous alignment using the proper test/alignment equipment

The KWS-1 transmitter is now completed. All of the work performed was by Jim WA9Z of Exline Signal. The extensive work performed by Jim has resulted in a KWS-1 that does indeed perform better than when it was new in 1956.

- Ron Lowrance, K4SX

THANKS, RON, FOR THE GREAT DESCRIPTION AND PICTURES OF THE K4SX SHACK!
Next Month K0CA's Tower and antennas will be featured in the newsletter.-AB0X

KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT POSTPONED DUE TO HIGH WATER LEVEL

The recent heavy rains kept the Kansas River at higher than normal levels most of the Summer. The normal sandbar underneath the bridge on K-7 in Bonner Springs is under about 6' of water. So, the July 24th Tournament has been postponed until the Fall. The exact date will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

If the rain continues we may have to consider moving the cookout and festivities to the beach in Lawrence, KS. Holding the activities there may be a problem with all the students who hang out in downtown Lawrence. If word of free beer gets out we may have a large number of visitors claiming to be prospective hams who show up to our fish fry and carp weigh in.

Stay tuned for updates on an alternative date for the KCDXC Carp Tournament.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Again there's little real news about major DX activity. Covid is still limiting travel and causing quarantines when entering countries. It may be another year before we can return to normal with numerous small holiday/dxpedition operations around the world to semi-rare DXCC counters. The virus has almost killed DX.

Some sunspots wouldn't hurt either! 10 and 12 meters have had some brief flurries of openings, but not what many DXers had hoped for and expected by this point in the new sunspot cycle. Nevertheless, here's the DX News from around the circuit:

1B, TURKISH REP. OF NORTH CYPRUS. Tefvik, TA1HZ (ex-ZD8HZ), has announced that he has moved to Iskele city in the district known as the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC). Tev states that he has "received the necessary permit from local authority to be on the air as 1B/TA1HZ." QSL via eQSL or direct to the address on QRZ.com. PLEASE NOTE: The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is a self-proclaimed state (part of Cyprus), which is only recognized by Turkey. The TRNC does not count for anything for DXCC purposes. Also, the use of the 1B prefix is illegal and is not sanctioned by the ITU. For more details about TRNC, see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Cyprus

Also, please read the article written by SM0JHF:

<https://dxnews.com/north-cyprus-trnc>

3DA0RU KINGDOM OF ESWATINI DXPEDITION (Update). More operators have been added to the 3DA0RU team. Operators mentioned are Nick/R5EC, Vasily/R7AL, Vasily/RA1ZZ, Vladimir/RK8A, Leo/RW9JZ, Slav/OK8AU, Wlodek/SP6EQZ and Albert/UB9WLJ. They will be active as 3DA0RU from Eswatini between October 22nd and November 8th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via R7AL or ClubLog's OQRS (preferable). For more details and updates, see:

<https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/3da0ru>

ARAUCARIA DX GROUP NEWS (Press Release, dated July 15th)[edited]. It is a great pleasure to inform the DX Community that the Araucaria DX Group (GADX) board has unanimously inducted Y. Zorro Miyazawa, JH1AJT, for our "GADX HALL OF FAME."

The "GADX Hall of Fame" was established to recognize radio amateurs who have made major contributions to the Hamradio Community at large mainly for DX and Contesting.

The activities and accomplishments that qualify one for membership in these elite groups involve considerable personal sacrifice and can usually be described

by the phrase "above and beyond the call of duty."

With this spirit, from time to time we announce the most accomplished members of our ham community as inductees to this honor. The election is made by vote from all our 24 board members.

Those are the gentlemen who already received this honor:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) PY5GA - Olavo Scherrer | 6) K1LZ - Krassimir Petkov |
| 2) PY2BJO - Junior Torres de Castro | 7) PP5JR - Sérgio Lima de Almeida |
| 3) PY5ZBU - Donald William Murden | 8) DJ9ZB - Franz Langner |
| 4) PY5CC - Peter Zoch Sprengel | 9) OH2BH - Martti Lane |
| 5) PY7ZZ - Fred Souto Maior | 10) JH1AJT - Y.Zorro |

JW0W SVALBARD DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Kenneth, LA7GIA, posted the following on FaceBook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/288876866220488>), July 16th [edited]: "Guys are exited - dinghy landing with 30 x luggage, 300 l of fuel, 2 generators, 5 radios, 5 amplifiers, 2 tents, 2 huskys, food&drinks, enough ammunition, 2 rifles, enough warm clothes, personal beacon locator - just for fun at 78N! Prins Karls Forland island."

JUST A REMINDER: Activity by the JW0W 2021 team from Prins Karls Forland (EU-063) will take place between the July 21st and July 26th. This will be a tent and generator trip into the Nature reserve west of Svalbard at 78N which requires a special permit and SAR insurance. The JW0W team consists of Allan/EA3HSO, Erwann/LB1QI, Gjermund/LA5GI, Kenneth/LA7GIA, Rune/LA7THA, Chris/LA8OM and Ronny (Security officer). Their main focus will be on 40/30/20m (all modes) - and of course also other bands if propagation allows. QSL via M00XO's OQRS (direct and by the Bureau), and direct QSL. The log will also be uploaded on LoTW. Visit their Web site at: <http://jw0w.no>

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Pasi, OH3WS, will be active as OJ0WS from Market Reef (EU-053) between August 21-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW. QSL via his home callsign.

THANKS TO THE OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

GODZILLA UPDATE

BY AB0X

This past week I received a couple of emails from N0UN, Wayne, who bought the original Godzilla Linear Amplifier from K0CS. He sold it shortly after that but re-obtained it and proceeded to update it so it could work a little more efficiently.

Here's Wayne's note:

"Through the years Godzilla's been reengineered and upgraded.

The big ass unbelievably heavy (and leaking) capacitor has been replaced with much smaller new caps, and the old tube (4CX10000 tetrode) has been replaced with a proper 3CX10000 (triode) for much "cleaner" grounded grid operation. Roller inductor swapped out, many other smaller changes. She no longer makes 160 as you undoubtedly operated then.

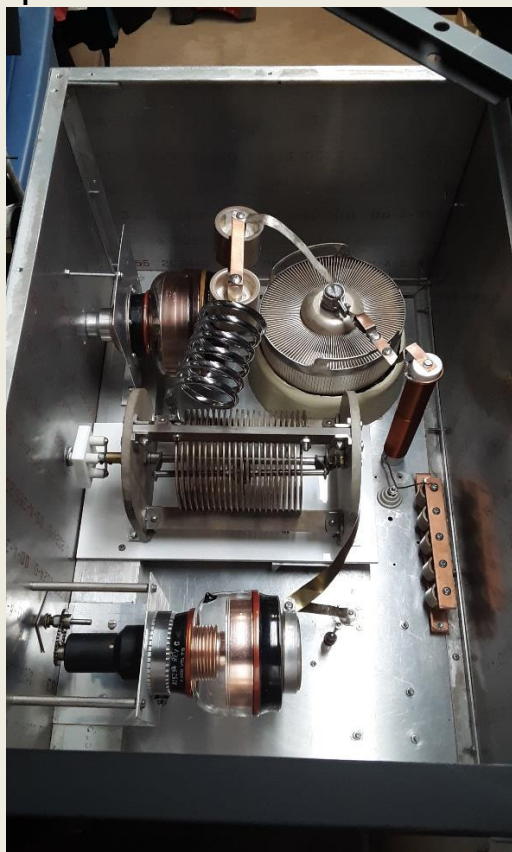
With only 200 watts of drive Godzilla is comfortable at 7.5KW out, all day, every day - lol.

I leave Steve's watch which alarms at 2:22 PM every day on my workbench to remind me of him. Seems appropriate! He was quite the character. In the end he had a few friends, a belly full of Wendy's Frosty ice cream I brought him hours before, and he

left quietly around 5:30 AM the Suites said.

Wayne (Lumpy), NØUN”

Here are a few pics of the remodeled Godzilla:





The original Godzilla used a Drake L-7 to drive it to full output when operated at WB0UXI's QTH when first built. I blame Godzilla for my near baldness today.-AB0X

AEOK BECOMES SILENT KEY

BY AB0X

Richard V. Posz
July 04, 1938 - June 25, 2021

U.S. Veteran

Richard V. Posz, age 82, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at the Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born on July 4, 1938 in Glencoe, Minnesota the son of Lee and Laurine (Vaughan) Posz. Richard grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and graduated from Huron High School in Huron, South Dakota.

He was united in marriage to Barbara Foster on August 24, 1963. They made their home in Kansas City, moving in 1983 to Memphis where he was employed by Ford Tractor Company. Richard worked in parts and distribution and retired in 1993 after thirty years of service. In January of 1994 he moved to Warsaw.

Richard was a member of the Elks Lodge in Sedalia, Missouri. He loved to fish, garden, mow grass and woodworking. He also was a member of several bowling and pool leagues over the years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Barbara.

Richard is survived by two children; Lee Posz and his wife Nannette, of Overland Park, Kansas and Beth Dechman and her husband Gary, of Garden City, Missouri, five grandchildren; Joshua Posz and his wife Alix, of Blanchard, Oklahoma, Sarah Bryson and her husband Daniel, of The Colony, Texas, Madeleine Posz, of Mission, Kansas, Megan Dechman, of Kansas City, Missouri and Madison Dechman, of St. Charles, Missouri, one brother, Robert "Buzz" Posz and his wife Connie, of Bonita Springs, Florida, a sister Mary Lee Altmann, of Calgary, Alberta. Richard is also survived by his companion of 10 years Ruth Rialti, of Sedalia, Missouri.

Arrangements for his cremation are under the direction of the Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, Missouri.



Sadly, we must report another long time KCDXC member has become a Silent Key. AE0K went into the hospital for a routine hip replacement surgery. However, the operation wasn't successful and Dick picked up an infection which eventually led to pneumonia and his death.

Many old timers remember AE0K as a fixture on the 146.49Mhz KCDXC DX spotting net on 2 Meters. Dick had a great sense of humor and always had a joke and something to say to any DXer who frequented 49. He was an outstanding DXer also, and was near the top of the Honor Roll before he had to relocate for his job. Dick never really got back on the air after leaving KC.

Dick helped me install my first tower and beam back in the late 1970's. He developed a unique tower raising procedure for hinged base towers using a homebrewed sloped wood mechanism with a slot, a heavy rope and his station wagon. He pulled up my tower with a TH6 on top in about 10 seconds of work. He was shortly back in my shack popping the top on another beer before I knew it. AE0K and AB0W engaged in numerous 807 drinking contests in my shack over the years. He and Tom loved to share jokes and pick at each other! There were a few times I worried about him getting back home safely after such events.

In this era AE0K, WB0UXI and N0XA all hand built 4-1000 amps at the same time. They shared tips, parts, and techniques together. All amps worked great and are still in use somewhere out there in Radioland. N0XA later added a second 4-1000 to his amp and Larry built an even larger amp that became K0CS's Godzilla Amp with a 4CX10K.

AE0K learned from the amp building experience after using diodes in the power supply that just weren't quite big enough. Dick numerous times blew out the diodes and shutting down the amp while calling in pile ups. The W0 QSL Buro was handled by the KCDXC in those days and several QSLs came in addressed to just "AE0" as the amp would die before he got his full call out. Dick and N0XA developed a procedure of meeting on I-35 half way between Hickman Mills and Spring Hill to pass on new diodes. Fred never let Dick forget that he always stocked "Reloads" just for AE0K's amp. Of course, Dick eventually went with heavier diodes and his amp performed well for many years.

On Saturday nights Dick brought a six pack down to his shack and held court on 49. Listening to him was better than SNL on TV. He would often tell border-line off color jokes on 49 and would sign off transmissions using K0CS's call. He used to kid a local DXer about being controlled by the guy's wife. Dick had a more colorful term for this behavior that is too vulgar for this newsletter. I went with him one night when he secretly climbed WB0AAQ's tower in the dark and hung large pink panties off the mast of his friend's tower! He also mailed a similar set of underwear to AB0W thru the mail. Tom was never able to find out who mailed him this special delivery package. Tom's first wife had lots to say about the matter.

When AE0K retired from Ford, he and his xyl moved to Warsaw, MO, and built a new home. Dick fished and spent many hours on Truman Lake. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and was still very active until the hip problems developed.

AE0K attended one of our last regular KCDXC meetings before the covid outbreak and seemed to be in great spirits and enjoyed seeing many old friends.

Dick will be missed.

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